Regulatory Board. Clearance from environmental angle will also be obtained from the Ministry of Environment and Forests prior to setting up of the plant.

Indigenous Production of Components for PC Type Computer

*178. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of components for the PC type computer are being manufactured in India;

(b) the number of such computers being made in India presently;

(c) the total foreign exchange outgo on account of import of components for the computers;

(d) whether there are any export earnings in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) At present, on an average for a typical configeration, about 80 per cent of the components for PC type Computers are being manufactured in India.

(b) In the year 1987, 45872 Nos. of Mini Computers and Personal Computers valuing Rs. 27100.49 lakhs were produced in India.

(c) It is estimated that the foreign exchange outgo on account of import of components for Mini and Micro Computers in the year 1987 is around Rs. 5420 lakhs. This foreign exchange outgo is expected to be reduced by about 5 per cent in 1988.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Export earnings has been made by exporting 117 nos. of Personal Computers in the year 1987 for a value of Rs. 113.8 lakhs. In total 7 parties exported Personal Computers to various countries.

State Health Officials Conference on AIDS

*179. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whetrer it is a fact that the Union Health Ministry had recently called the State Health Officials to attend a Conference on AIDS;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held on the subject;

(c) whether Government have also issued instructions to various blood banks to identify H.I.V. in their stocks in order to reduce the incidence of AIDS through contaminated blood transfusion; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir.

The main objectives of the workshop were to acquaint the participants with up-to-date information on the Global programme on prevention and control of AIDS and to review/share the current status of AIDS in India and the initiatives towards control. Discussions were held on Surveillance, Health Educational and Medium Term Plan for Control and Prevention of AIDS.

The following steps have been taken to make blood safe to prevent HIV infection:—

I. Instructions have been issued to all blood banks to test professional donors.

II. All blood products which are being imported into the country are being screened for AIDS.

III. Instructions have already been issued to all State Governments to follow strict sterilisation

procedures in collection of blood and blood products.

IV. Collection of blood from voluntary donors is being encouraged.

Scheme for Prevention of Deafness

*180. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Department of Science and Technology had started a prevention of deafness scheme in Delhi in 1988; if so, the details thereof and the results achieved so far, vis-a-vis the targets laid down; and

(b) whether similar schemes have been launched in the other States; if so, the details thereof and the results obtained?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

However, the Department of Science and Technology has funded in 1986 a project entitled 'Feasibility study for development of a module for Primary and Secondary Prevention of Hearing Impairment in rural areas'. The study envisages prevention at three levels:

—Primary prevention in which healthy habits are being emphasised and unhealthy habits are being deleted by public education.

—Secondary prevention which involves giving of anti-microbial drugs and nose and ear drops to prevent children from getting hearing impaired.

—Tertiary prevention which involves surgery on selected children and giving hearing aid for rehabilitation. The study is in progress.

(b) This module is being tried out as a pilot project in Delhi and Trivandrum only.

1451. [Cancelled]

Manufacture of VCRs and VCPs

1452. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Electronics Trade and Technology Development Corporation is likely to manufacture VCRs, and VCPs in the near future;

(b) if so, by when the first lot is expected; and

(c) the likely cost of each of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (c) Electronics Trade & Technology Development Corporation (ET&T) has been asked to submit a Revised Composite application for manufacture of VCRs/VCPs. ET&T is yet to submit the proposal.

1453. [Transferred to the 28th November, 1988]

Hydro-Dynamic Test Facility at Visakhapatnam

1454. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hydro-Dynamic Test Facility Centre at Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh) started functioning;

(b) if so, the details of the amount spent on that Centre during the last three years; and

(c) the amount allocated for the Naval Scientific Technological Laboratory (N.S.T.L.) during 1987-88 and 1988-89?